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. . . In the treaty of separation between Norway and Sweden resort to the Hague Court on all questions of difference that may arise between them, which do not involve the independence or the vital interests of either, is made obligatory.

. . . In a circular recently sent out from Mohonk Lake, N. Y., entitled "International Arbitration and the Lake Mohonk Conferences," a list is enclosed of eighty-one Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce and business organizations under other names, which have approved of arbitration in the settlement of international controversies. Thirty-two states and territories are represented in the list.

Show Me the Way.

BY JAMES ARTHUR EDGERTON.

Along the pleasant pathway of a dream,
I wander to the realm of Afterwhile;
I see the world draw near its golden prime;
The hilltops of the Future are agleam;
And all the landscape wears a sunny smile,
As it were in the heart of summer time;
And there are song and laughter in the air,
That blend and mingle into harmony —
The music of content — while everywhere
Are heard the happy voices of the free.
A sky of radiant promise bends above
A universal atmosphere of love.

There is a statelier, gentler, nobler race,
A rebaptized, redeemed humanity,
That holds the earth in common brotherhood,
Of greater soul, more culture and more grace,
Of broader kindliness and sympathy,
Of high intent to do each other good.
There are no poor, for each has equal part
In the world's work and in the world's increase;
And there are faith and hope in every heart,
For Christ has filled the world with love and peace.
The night of greed and hate has passed away.
The earth at last has reached the better day.

I wander back the pathway of my dream,
And find, 'mid scenes of strife and bitterness,
A world where the usurper, Wrong, is king.
I see men's faces in the baleful gleam
Of War's red hell, as stern and pitiless
They fill the lands with death and suffering.
I see o'er all the earth the specters gaunt
Of Vice and Crime, of Wretchedness and Need;
Of Plenty feasting by the side of Want;
Of men ground down beneath the heel of Greed;
Of truth grown timid and of lies grown bold;
Of right forgotten in the race for gold.

O God, above it all I look to Thee;
For I am weak, I pray Thee make me strong;
And I am blind, I pray Thee give me light.
I love the world, I love humanity.
There is so much of misery and wrong;
What is there I may do to aid the right?
I know Thy stars are shining overhead;
I know Thy earth swings ever into dawn;
I know Thy glory o'er the world is shed;
I know somewhere Thy truth is marching on
And I would do the little that I may.
To aid its coming — show to me the way.

The Czar's Manifesto Announcing a National Legislative Assembly.

We, Nicholas the Second, by the grace of God Emperor and Autocrat of all the Russias, Grand Duke of Finland, etc., declare to all our faithful subjects that the troubles and agitation in our capital and in numerous other places fill our heart with excessive pain and sorrow.

The happiness of the Russian sovereign is indissolubly bound up with the happiness of our people, and the sorrow of our people is the sorrow of the sovereign.

From the present disorders may arise great national disruptions. They menace the integrity and unity of our empire.

The supreme duty imposed upon us by our sovereign office requires us to efface ourself and to use all the forces and reason at our command to hasten the securing of the unity and coördination of the power of the central government, and to assure the success of measures for pacification in all circles of public life, which are essential to the well-being of our people.

We therefore direct our government to carry out our inflexible will in the following manner:

First: To extend to the population the immutable foundations of civic liberty, based on the real inviolability of person, freedom of conscience, speech, union and association.

Second: Without suspending the already ordered elections to the state Douma, to invite to participation in the Douma, so far as the limited time before the convocation of the Douma will permit, those classes of the population now completely deprived of electoral rights, leaving the ultimate development of the principle of the electoral right in general to the newly established legislative order of things.

Third: To establish as an unchangeable rule that no law shall be enforceable without the approval of the state Douma, and that it shall be possible for the elected of the people to exercise real participation in the supervision of the legality of the acts of the authorities appointed by us.

We appeal to all the faithful sons of Russia to remember their duty toward the fatherland, to aid in terminating these unprecedented troubles and to apply all their forces, in coöperation with us, to the restoration of calm and peace upon our natal soil.

Given at Peterhof, October 30, in the eleventh year of our reign.

NICHOLAS.

The Portsmouth Peace Treaty was signed by the Czar and the Mikado on October 14th. The ratifications were exchanged by telegraph. The evacuation of Manchuria by both armies is going on as rapidly as possible.